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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **259381**

Adopted on OCT 10 1983

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego as follows:

That pursuant to California Public Resources Code, Section 21081, the City Council's findings made with respect to the feasibility of the mitigating measures and project alternatives contained in the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the route adoption of Mission Trails Parkway - Santo Road to Highway 67, on file in the office of the City Clerk as E.I.R. No. 82-0657, are those findings attached hereto as Exhibit A.

APPROVED: John W. Witt, City Attorney

By 
John K. Riess, Deputy

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Environmental Impact Report Findings For
Mission Trails Parkway Route Adoption
(EQD No. 82-0657)

The following Findings are made relative to the Conclusions of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed route adoption for Mission Trails Parkway. These Findings have been prepared pursuant to Sections 15088 and 15089 of Title 14 of the California Administrative Code and Section 21081 of the California Public Resources Code.

FINDINGS

A. and C. The proposed alignment would result in potentially significant impacts upon land use, biology, archaeology, geology, noise quality and visual quality. The proposed action at this time, however, is the adoption of a route location. Design and construction plans are not yet prepared and it is anticipated that mitigation measures and/or project modifications will be incorporated into the project design to partially mitigate the above cited impacts. Supplemental environmental review is required when such plans are available and mitigation can only be accomplished at that time. Furthermore, the only alternative which would avoid all potentially significant environmental impacts is the no project alternative.

Statement of Overriding Considerations

The City Council, having reviewed and considered the information contained in the final EIR and the record, make the following Statement of Overriding Considerations.

Although the proposed project may have unavoidable environmental impacts, there are specific overriding considerations such that the benefits of the proposed project outweigh the unavoidable environmental effects. The identified potentially significant impacts are land use impacts on the Mission Trail Regional Park; the removal of 370 acres of biological habitat including vernal pool habitat and a population of the San Diego Mesa Mint; destruction of archaeological resources; potential landslide and floodplain impacts; increase in noise levels, and significant roadway cuts and fills. These impacts are outweighed by the City's and region's need for this roadway.

Mission Trails Parkway is an integral east-west link in the region's circulation plan. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which was adopted by the San Diego Association of Governments in 1980, shows Mission Trails Parkway as part of the Freeway and Expressway System as a west to east link between Interstate 805 and State Highway 67. The RTP states that:

"Route location studies and environmental assessments will be undertaken for all regional freeways and expressways not now having an adopted route location. SR52 will have highest priority for route location and environmental studies."

The Progress Guide and General Plan and Tierrasanta Community Plan also identify Mission Trails Parkway as a crucial link in the circulation network of the City. The California Department of Transportation has estimated that the proposed roadway will carry traffic volumes of approximately 56,000 average daily traffic in 1985, and 89,800 in 1995. If the roadway is not constructed, the above forecast traffic would be placed on Mission Gorge Road, Interstate 8 and Interstate 15. The forecast traffic would add to existing traffic volumes and would severely congest the above roadways. Traffic congestion would also spill onto other local roads in the community.

Construction of Mission Trails Parkway will also result in a decrease in the number of vehicle miles traveled. Construction will also eliminate approximately 4.5 million miles of travel for people desiring to go from Mast Boulevard and Mission Gorge Road to I-15 and the Clairemont vicinity. This shorter distance translates into about 125 million fewer miles driven based on the projected average daily traffic for the year 2005. Such a reduction in miles driven could statistically result in about 2,200 fewer accidents per year and far fewer traffic fatalities per year based on published national averages per million miles driven. The decrease in miles driven and decrease in traffic congestion would also incrementally improve regional air quality.

Therefore, The City of San Diego finds that the benefits associated with this project override the potentially significant impacts.

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Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on OCT 10 1983,
 by the following vote:

Councilmen	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Ineligible
Bill Mitchell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill Cleator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gloria McColl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
William Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed Struiksma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Gotch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dick Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uvaldo Martinez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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AUTHENTICATED BY:

ROGER HEDGECOCK
 Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR
 City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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By Ellen Board, Deputy.

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